

**Weekly Status and Information Report:
Week of August 27 - 31, 2007**

County Budget Priorities: The Montgomery County Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. on FY09 Annual Budget Priorities and Performance Measures. (This budget applies from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.) To testify, call 240-777-7931 to register to speak. If you would like to send your comments via e-mail, please send them to county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov by this Tuesday, September 4. (Community & Government Liaison)

Voter Registration Volunteer Training: The Board of Elections will be hosting a training for voter registration volunteers on Tuesday, September 11, 7 p.m. in the Community Center Azalea Room. The training is open to the public. To register for the session, contact the City Clerk at 301-891-7267. (City Clerk)

Jackson Boyd Playground Design (Ward 2): A meeting to review the final playground design proposal will take place on Thursday, September 6 at 7:30 p.m. at 349 Boyd Avenue. (Public Works)

Mississippi Avenue/Comstock Branch Stream Channel Restoration Project (Ward 4): The stream bank stabilization project is scheduled to begin the week of September 4. The contractor is Highway and Safety Services. The work is anticipated to be completed in one month. Call the City Engineer with any questions, 301-891-7610. (Public Works)

Upcoming Street Resurfacing Projects (Wards 2 and 6): The City Engineer has scheduled the following streets for milling and paving in the month of September: Davis Avenue from Flower to Garland, Jackson Avenue from Flower to Garland, and Glenside Avenue from New Hampshire to Wildwood. (Public Works)

Speed Bump Installation (Wards 1 and 2): Speed bumps are scheduled to be installed on Heather Avenue and Park Avenue during the month of September. These speed bumps were removed during street resurfacing. (Public Works)

New Hampshire Avenue Charrette (Wards 2, 3, and 6): The New Hampshire Avenue Design Charrette website will be updated Friday to include the PowerPoint presentation from the final presentation (including implementation recommendations). The website for this project is www.takomaparkmd.gov/gateway. (Housing and Community Development)

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Studies (Wards 2, 3, and 6): The Neighborhood Traffic Calming Studies that will be presented to the Council on Tuesday evening are also available online at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/transportation.html>. Copies have been mailed to residents in the neighborhoods. (Housing and Community Development)

Safe Route To School - Grant Avenue Sidewalk (Ward 1): The Grant Avenue sidewalk installation was completed in time for the beginning of school this week. The sidewalk completes the connection to walk between Takoma Park Middle School, the

Community Center and Piney Branch Elementary School. This project was funded through a Safe Routes to School grant. (Housing and Community Development)

Deadline - Call for Submissions for Fall Poetry Reading Series (City-wide): The Arts and Humanities Commission is soliciting poets for the fall poetry series. The series will feature some of the finest poets in the city and surrounding area. If you are interested in being considered for a spot in the series, please send three to five poems to the Arts and Humanities Commission at ahc@takomagov.org or by mail to 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park MD 20912. The submission deadline is this coming Tuesday, September 4. (Housing and Community Development)

September Exhibit "Four Eyes, Two Cameras, One Month" (City-wide): The photographs of Margaret Paris and Jeff Sutton will be exhibited at the Atrium and Richard Dempsey Memorial Galleries during the month of September. The focus of the exhibit is Brookside Gardens and includes photographs taken by Paris and Sutton during March of 2006. The artists will be hosting a reception celebrating the work on Friday, September 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Atrium Lobby. (Housing and Community Development)

Deadline - Applications for Exhibitions Director (City-wide): The Arts and Humanities Commission is soliciting applications for an experienced individual to coordinate exhibition activities at the Community Center. Responsibilities include the solicitation and review of exhibit proposals, assisting exhibitors in logistical activities; and organizing one show of curatorial and community interest. Applicants should have experience working on exhibition projects and coordinating with volunteers. For more information, please contact the Arts and Humanities Commission at 301-891-7224 or by email at ahc@takomagov.org. The application deadline is Tuesday, September 4. (Housing and Community Development)

Call for Participants - Holiday Art Sale and Open Studio Tour (City-wide): The Arts and Humanities Commission has begun to accept registrations from artists for participation in the second annual holiday arts sale and studio tour. This year's event will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, December 15. If you are interested in displaying your work at the event, please call 301-891-7224 or email ahc@takomagov.org for more information. The deadline for registering as a participant is Monday, November 12. (Housing and Community Development)

Officers in Meetings:

- On Thursday, August 23, CSAFE Outreach Coordinator, Gretchen Hilburger, facilitated a community meeting at Hillwood Manor Apartments. Residents are planning a community yard sale on September 22. They are also planning to form a Neighborhood Watch. Detective Poole and Officer Barber, from the Takoma Park Police Department, attended the meeting and addressed residents' concerns about thefts from autos and auto thefts.
- The Maryland International Corridor CSAFE Oversight Committee met on Tuesday, August 28 to discuss CSAFE programming and strategies. Chief Ricucci facilitated the meeting. Representatives from the Prince George's County Police Department, Montgomery County Police Department and other governmental agencies attended.
- CSAFE Program Director, Mary Kendall, attended the Action Langley Park meeting on Thursday, August 23. During the meeting she facilitated a discussion with residents and other community stakeholders about the upcoming federal Weed and Seed grant application. (Police)

Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 74 traffic stops this week, which resulted in citations, four vehicle impounds and two recovered property. (Police)

Working Partnership: The Library is asking people who are pursuing new careers, changes in employment, or job search and resume building skills to fill out a short survey available at the Library and Computer Center. The Library staff is working in partnership with MontgomeryWorks to offer services and classes to those who demonstrate interest, but we need input from people in the community. (Library)

¿Que Pasa?: Spanish language programs for preschoolers will resume at the Library on Thursday mornings beginning in late September. Contact the Library for details. And, introductory computer classes in Spanish will be held on Sunday afternoons in the Computer Center beginning in September. These are drop-in classes and are free of charge. For more information, contact Moises Blanco at the Computer Center on Saturdays or Sundays. (Library)

The Blog Cabin: For suggestions on good books to read, check out the Library books blog on its web site. You can also find links to a Children's Room Blog of upcoming events, and a Teen Books Buzz Blog, all by going to www.cityoftakomapark.org/library/. (Library)

Summer Quest Party: Children who participated in this year's Summer Quest interactive reading adventure are invited to a party at the Library on Monday, September 10 at 7 p.m., for games, prizes and more! Call the Library for details. (Library)

The Fall Guide: The Recreation Fall Guide will be delivered in the September edition of the Takoma Park Newsletter. Keep your eye on the mailbox! (Recreation)

First Come, First Served!: Morning and Afternoon Addition, the before and after school program for grades K - 6, started August 27 in the Community Center. There are still a limited number of slots available in each program. Register in the Recreation office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. (Recreation)

The Seniors Trip: The Recreation Department sponsored a day trip for some residents at Victory Tower this week. Twenty seniors rode the new bus to the Botanical Gardens where they toured the park. Following the visit, they proceeded to Union Station for a nice lunch. Thanks go to Barbara Crawford from the Victory Tower staff for organizing and attending the trip. (Recreation)